

APLOGIES - Mr. M. Kettle.

INTRODUCTION - Mr. M. Rundle read the report of the formation meeting of the Federation and accepted nominations for office bearers. The following were elected:-

President - Mr. J. Mason
V.P. - Mr. B. Macintosh
Sec. - Mr. R. Maybury was appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

REPORT FROM CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY - Mr. M. Rundle, Chairman of the Co-operative Development Society reported on the following matters:-

Film and Slide Library: The C.D.S. has several films, some slides and other equipment which it was prepared to donate to the Federation. It was resolved to accept this offer from C.D.S. and to hire the films at \$4.00 per showing as required. It was agreed that the slides should be shown at the next meeting of the Council.

Co-operator: It was reported that the C.D.S. has produced the newspaper known as "The Co-operator" and that they would be anxious that this be carried on by this Federation. It was resolved that a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Long and McMaster and Schultz look into the full matter of the publication and suggest any alternate publication possible.

Co-operative Act Amendments: It was reported that the C.D.S. had submitted to the Government proposals for an amendment to the Co-operative Act replacing the word Union with the word Federation, and a further amendment giving the right for Co-operatives outside of the Act to join Associations and Federations under certain conditions. It was agreed that this Federation support these proposals and that the Registrar be advised of this support.

Mildura School: It was reported that negotiations have been conducted between the Development Society and a number of Co-operatives in Mildura for the conduct of a one day school early in 1971. It was agreed that this Federation should contact Mildura offering any support possible for this venture.

I.C.A. Meeting: It was reported that proposals have been made that the International Co-operative Alliance hold its regional Executive Meeting in Victoria in November, 1971. It was resolved to advise the C.F.A. that this Federation would be happy to assist in the arrangements for this meeting.

Co-operative Digest: It was reported that some work has been done on a proposal to produce a quarterly Digest for Directors and staff. It was suggested that this matter be referred to the Sub-Committee dealing with the Co-operator.

C.A.A. - It was reported that Community Aid Abroad had discussed with the C.D.S. the possibility of arranging for an Indonesian student to visit Australia in 1971, to study Co-operatives. It was agreed that we should support this venture and the Secretary was authorized to contact C.A.A. to discuss a proposed itinerary.

International Co-operative Alliance - South East Asian Study Tour:

A letter was received from the Co-operative Federation of Australia reporting on a proposed Study Tour to be held in 1972 and asking for a representative to attend a syllabus Committee. It was agreed to nominate Mr. R. Maybury for this discussion.

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MEMBERSHIP OF FEDERATION - It was resolved that an application form for membership be repared and several suggestion for proposed members were forthcoming.

FINANCE - It was resolved to open a Bank Account with the A.N.Z. Bank at 457 Elizabeth Street, and that cheques be signed by either Messrs. Mason, Long or Rundle and counter-signed by the Secretary. Several members present indicated the extent of the donations which could be expected from their Associations or Societies and it was agreed that a budget be prepared and circulated before the next meeting.

C.F.A. - It was resolved to write to the C.F.A. thanking them for sending Mr. Kinson to the formation meeting of the Federation. It was agreed that this Federation should apply for membership of the Co-operative Federation of Australia and indicate that it was prepared to pay the full fees.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting has been set for 7th December, 1970 at 7.30 p.m.

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